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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR

SUBJECT: HOUSE/SENATE CONFERENCE ACTION ON SUGAR

1. THE SENATE/HOUSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON THE FARM BILL CONCLUDED ITS CONSIDERATION OF SUGAR AUGUST 4. THE CONFERENCE ADOPTED DOMESTIC SUPPORT PRICE FOR SUGAR THAT WOULD GUARANTEE FARMERS 52.5 PERCENT OF PARITY (OR ABOUT 13.5 CENTS PER LB. AT CURRENT PARITY LEVELS). THE HOUSE HAD EARLIER ADOPTED HIGHER SUPPORT LEVEL OF 55-65 PERCENT OF PARITY. CONFERENCE ALSO DECIDED TO GIVE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE THE RIGHT TO SUSPEND THESE SUPPORTS IF AN INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT (ISA) SUCCEEDED IN RAISING U.S. PRICE TO AT LEAST 13.5 CENTS
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PER POUND.

2. ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN AND CONFEREES AGREED DURING CONFERENCE THAT U.S. IMPORT CONTROLS ON SUGAR WOULD PROBABLY BE NECESSARY PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION OF ISA. EXPECTATION OF CONFEREES WAS THAT ADMINISTRATION WOULD DECIDE TO IMPOSE TARIFFS BEYOND CURRENT 1.875 CENTS PER POUND TO RAISE PRICE OF IMPORTED SUGAR TO DOMESTIC SUPPORT LEVELS. NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON THIS POINT, HOWEVER AND IT IS NOT YET CERTAIN TARIFFS WILL BE IMPOSED.

3. ADMINISTRATION FORCES WORKED ACTIVELY FOR REDUCTION OF SUPPORT LEVEL AND FOR PROVISION SUSPENDING PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM (AND ANY POSSIBLE RESULTING IMPORT CONTROLS) WHEN WORKABLE AND EFFECTIVE ISA IS IN PLACE. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT ACCEPTANCE BY CONFERENCE OF THESE CHANGES REMOVES ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICT BETWEEN A DOMESTIC PROGRAM AND AN ISA AND PAVES THE WAY FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO ISA NEGOTIATIONS IN SEPTEMBER.

4. BOTH HOUSES EXPECTED TO APPROVE CONFERENCE BILL; HOWEVER, UNKNOWN WHETHER THIS CAN BE DONE BEFORE RECESS,

WHICH BEGINS AUGUST 6.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: POSTS MAY DRAW ON ABOVE BACKGROUND IN CONVERSATION WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. STRESS SHOULD BE PUT ON FACT THAT ADMINISTRATION, DESPITE HEAVY DOMESTIC PRESSURE, WAS DETERMINED TO AVOID MEASURES WHICH COULD HAVE LED TO PERMANENTLY PROTECTED U.S. SUGAR MARKET AND WAS SUCCESSFUL IN REACHING ACCORD WITH CONGRESS THAT LEFT WAY OPEN FOR AN INTERNATIONAL SOLUTION TO SUGAR PROGRAM. U.S. REMAINS DEDICATED TO A WORKABLE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT WHICH WE HOPE TO CONCLUDE IN GENEVA IN SEPTEMBER. U.S. POSITION CONTINUES TO BE THAT IT WILL MAINTAIN OPEN MARKET FOR SUGAR WHEN A WORKABLE ISA IS IN FORCE.
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6. FOR LONDON: PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE OF THIS CABLE TO JONES-PARRY. CHRISTOPHER

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